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SB 213: Early Learning Hubs  
Senate Human Services and Early Childhood Committee  
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Chair Sara Gelser, Vice Chair Olsen and Members of the Committee,

For the record, I am Mark Witty, Superintendent Grant SD #3. I am submitting testimony in support of SB 213. SB 213 makes the Early Learning Hubs permanent and continues the work local communities have undertaken to align early learning systems, support thriving families and ensure children are ready to succeed in kindergarten.

I have found that the work of the Frontier Hub has made a direct impact on our community in that all children can now experience a strong foundation socially and academically building a strong foundation for future success in our k-12 school system!

The Frontier Hub has had direct effect on our ability as a school district to have a far greater level of communication with pre-school providers than heretofore. This communication has allowed for a greater understanding of the expectations for students and their parents as they enter kindergarten.

The work of the Frontier Hub has directly impacted the lives of students in Grant County! The Hub is providing leadership and resources so all at-risk youth and their families can have access to quality literacy programs prior to kindergarten. They have provided resources so that all students and their families can attend pre-school. They have started the process of aligning curriculum amongst all pre-school providers so that students are better prepared to succeed in kindergarten. The Hub has created connections with families through home visits and providing quality learning material in the home, providing opportunities for cross training between pre-school and kindergarten teachers as well as providing a program where kindergarten teachers can visit the homes of students prior to entering school. The Frontier Hub has been a built strong connections within our community that will greatly assist all students reaching literacy benchmarks at grade 3.

The Frontier Hub is changing the way we meet the needs of children and families in our community. I urge you to support SB 213 and this transformation of early learning in Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark W. Witty".

Mark W. Witty, Superintendent Grant SD #3

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